

Dec. 25.
Taunton.

44. F. B., [Col. Fras. Bassett, of Taunton], to Nathaniel Crabb. Exhorts his brethren in Christ to be faithful. The Princess of Orange is dead. Hopes all the children of Belial will be destroyed. His party will venture their lives to aid the brethren, and the King's unfaithfulness in breaking the covenant makes them fearless. Exhorts them not to draw back, but to get powder and arms before Easter, as thousands of dear saints will be ready to lay down their lives. Encourages Jesse, Griffin, Kiffin, and the rest. Endorsed [by Nicholas] as received, Oct. 9, 1661, and the original delivered by Capt. Wm Dale to the Lord General.